

Tribal Program Newsletter

You can't wake a person who is pretending to be asleep. (Navajo)

Meetings and conferences

Jan. 18-21 Region 4 RTOC Meeting, EPA Bldg, Atlanta, GA

Jan. 18-12 Region 4 Environmental Manager's Meeting, EPA Bldg., Atlanta, GA

Jan. 25-27 Addressing tribal traditional lifeways in EPA's risk assessment policies and procedures, Reno, NV

This meeting will be beneficial to environmental professionals working on tribal issues because risk assessments serve as the scientific basis for many environmental decisions including water, air pesticide, and waste environmental standards and regulation development. For more information, go the Science and American Indians Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/osp/tribes.htm>

Feb. 1-3 Regional Tribal Operating Committee (RTOC) Fort Mojave Indian Tribe, Needles, CA

For more information please call Lilia Dignan (415) 972-2779 or email LDignan@epa.gov

Feb. 2-3 Region 8 Working Effectively Tribal Training, Denver, CO

Feb. 7-10 USET Meeting Arlington, VA

Feb/ 24-25 Region 6 RTOC Meeting Albuquerque, NM

Feb. 25 Region 6 Tribal Leaders Summit Meeting Albuquerque, NM

Mar. 1-3 Region 8 ROC Tribal Leaders/Summit/Legal, Doubletree Inn -Denver, CO

Apr. 17-22 Region 10 Tribal Leaders Summit, Sitka Alaska

April 26-28 Regional Tribal Operating Committee (RTOC), San Francisco, CA.

For more information, please call Lilia Dignan (415) 972-3779 or email LDignan@epa.gov

May 24-26 4th Annual Conference on Environmental Conflict Resolution (ECR), Tucson, AZ

This conference will focus on understanding ECR principles and practices, engaging multiple governments, parties and affected communities and encouraging innovations and new applications. For more information please visit <http://www.mediusevents.com/ECR2005> or call 1-877-ECR2005 or 520-624-1921.

June 7-10 7th National Tribal Conference on Environmental Management, Traverse City, MI

The Grand Traverse Band (GTB) of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians invites participation in this conference. The GTB is actively seeking agenda suggestions on environmental issues of importance in Indian Country and will use selected ideas to shape the conference agenda. You are encouraged to submit your ideas on environmental activities, issues, and opportunities for participation in the event. In addition, GTB will have significant room for interested vendors at the conference. For more information please contact Andy Knott, GTB Environmental Stewardship Director at (231) 271-7363 or email aknott@gtbindians.com or Suzanne McSawby, GTB Natural Resource Department Director at (231) 271-7104 or email smcsawby@gtbindians.com.

July 12-15th Region 2 Annual EPA National Community Involvement Conference, Buffalo, NY

This annual conference draws over 400 individuals from around the nation who work with community involvement for environmental issues. Approximately 40, 90-minute concurrent sessions will be held the first two-and-a-half days of the conference (beginning on Tuesday morning, July 12, and concluding at noon on Thursday, July 14). Four- and eight-hour training sessions will be presented over a two-day period, beginning the afternoon of July 14, and concluding by noon on July 15. The conference also includes several keynote speakers; evening social activities, open time sessions, field trips, an exhibit room, and a poster session Please visit the conference's Web site: <http://www.epancic.org/2005/overview.cfm>

Oct. 24-28 13th Region 9 annual Tribal/EPA Conference will be co-hosted with the Picayune Rancheria.

For more information, please contact Sam Elizondo (559) 683-6633 or email selizondo@chukchansi.com

Training

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals at North Arizona University (ITEP/NAU)

Jan. 25-27
Air Toxics, Level 3, Research Triangle Park, NC

Feb. 1-4
Quality Assurance Project Plans (QAPP), Level 3, Las Vegas, NV

Feb. 15-18
Introduction to Tribal Air Quality, Level 1, Lawrence, Kansas

Mar. 8-10
Air Quality Systems (AQS) Level 3, Research Triangle Park, NC

The above courses are offered by the American Indian Air Quality Training Program in cooperation with NAU and U.S. EPA to fulfill the mandate of the 1990 Clean Air Act to offer Native American tribes full partnership in the management of air quality on tribal lands. For more information on the above courses, call Lydia Scheer (928) 523-8871 or go to Lydia.Scheer@nau.edu.

Resource Training Institute

Jan. 25-26
Leadership Development Workshop, Oak Ridge, TN

Jan. 25-27
Applied Clean Air Act. Oak Ridge, TN

Jan. 25-27
Radioactive Waste Management Training, Oak Ridge, TN

Feb. 15-17
Radioactive Waste Management Training, Oak Ridge, TN

Mar. 8-9
Advanced PCB's Workshop, Washington, DC.

April 5-6
Leadership Development workshop, Oak Ridge, TN

April 13-15
Management of Polychlorinated Biphenyls, Orlando, FL,

To register, please contact the RTII Registrar at (706) 951-5685, email registrar@rtii.org or go to: http://www.rtii.org/rti_REGFORM01.pdf. Main site and detailed course information may be found at <http://www.RTII.org>

Bill Helmich Associates Training Seminars

A brochure for training seminars for January 2005 is available from Bill Helmich Associates, P. O. Box 789, Sandia Park, NM 87047, (505) 281-9884 or visit: <http://www.billhelmichassociates.com>

National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI)

The most up-to-date list of enforcement/compliance monitoring courses offered by EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance is available online. NETI is also advertising some EPA regional office-sponsored courses from Regions 4, 5 and 6. December classes of some of the most popular enforcement courses such as Basic Inspector, Advanced Inspector, and Advanced Negotiations Skills training are now available. A catalog and schedule list of videos and CD-ROM courses can be mailed to you free of charge by calling (202) 564-2430 or by visiting

<http://www.netonline.com/> and registering as a student at EPA's "virtual university," NETI Online. Start class in your own office!

Indian Country Environmental Hazard Assessment Project (ICEHAP)

This free course is presented by volunteers and is available upon request. The volunteers will come to you and participants will learn methods for identifying and assessing environmental health hazards in the home, workplace, and community. The goal of ICEHAP is to introduce participants to specific environmental problems that may cause harm to tribal communities. Participants will learn methods for identifying and assessing environmental health hazards in the home, workplace, and community. With the information provided, participants will be able to prioritize environmental problems and identify available resources for their resolution. A model will be presented to illustrate how a community-based approach can be taken to successfully solve a community environmental health problem. For more information, contact Harvard School of Public Health, Attn: Barbara Blanchard, 677 Huntington Ave., CCPE-Dept A, Boston MA 02115-6096 (617) 384-8687 or email: bblancha@hsph.harvard.edu

Grants and loans

U.S. EPA exchange network grant program

Office of Information Collection has posted the FY2005 Exchange Network Grant Program on EPA Web site <http://www.epa.gov/Networkg>. This year's grant program was published in the Federal Register, 69 FR 61837-61838, October 21, 2004; <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>. Applications must be submitted to EPA by January 15, 2005. Provided funding is available, EPA expects to notify applicants of its funding recommendations in May 2005 and issue the awards in August/September 2005. If you have any questions about the availability of funds or need additional information, please contact Rebecca G. Moser, Exchange Network Grant Program Manager, (202) 566-1679 or go to <http://www.epa.gov/Networkg/FY%202005%20Grant%20Guidance%20--%20FINAL%20--%20102004.pdf>

U.S. EPA announces targeted grants to reduce childhood lead poisoning

EPA is soliciting grant proposals from eligible entities to conduct activities to reduce incidences of childhood lead poisoning in vulnerable populations, including projects to:

1. Address areas with high incidences of elevated blood-lead levels,
2. Identify and address areas with high potential for heretofore undocumented elevated blood-lead levels,
3. Develop tools to address unique and challenging issues in lead poisoning prevention, and
4. Identify tools that are replicable and scalable for other areas.

Activities eligible for funding include outreach and public education, data gathering, monitoring, training, inspections and assessments, demonstrations, and new, innovative approaches for identifying or reducing lead poisoning. Applications are due January 31, 2005. Expected number of awards is 25, the estimated total funding is \$750,000.00 and the award ceiling is \$100,000.00. There are no sharing or matching requirements. For more information contact Doreen Cantor, Project Officer at (202) 566-0486 or email cantor.doreen@epa.gov or visit <http://www.fedgrants.gov/Applicants/EPA/OGD/GAD/FON-T001/Grant.html>.

U.S. EPA tribal clean air

Region 9 requests applications from federally recognized Indian tribes and intertribal consortia located within Region 9 (AZ, CA, NV, HI, and Pacific Islands) for the Tribal Clean Air Act Grant Program. The goal of these grants is to assist tribes in developing the capacity to manage their own air quality programs in accordance with their individual needs. \$2.5 million is expected to be available and 25 awards are anticipated. Responses due January 25, 2005. For more information, contact Gary Lance, EPA, at (415) 972-3992 or go to: <http://www.fedgrants.gov/Applicants/EPA/OGD/GAD/EPA-GRANTS-112904-001/Grant.html>

U.S. EPA indoor air quality

Region 10 requests proposals from organizations to fund indoor air quality (IAQ) projects that address any of the five grant program priority areas: Implementation of EPA's IAQ Tools for Schools program; indoor asthma trigger education and exposure reduction; environmental tobacco smoke education and exposure reduction; general IAQ training, education, and outreach; and multi-priority IAQ projects (i.e., projects that address more than one of these priority areas). Implementation of projects must occur in Region 10 states which include AK, ID, OR and WA. \$200K expected to be available and four awards are anticipated. Responses due February 8, 2005. For more information, go to:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10/AIRPAGE.NSF/webpage/Indoor+Air+Grants+Request+for+Proposals+in+EPA+Region+10>

U.S. EPA Nonpoint Source Pollution (NPS) Control Program

The purpose of the NPS Control Program is to assist federally-recognized Indian tribes develop and implement polluted runoff control programs that address critical water quality concerns and achieve positive environmental results. Nationally, approximately \$7 Million is expected to be allocated to fund CWA Section 319 Tribal Programs. The remaining funds will be awarded to eligible Tribes through a national competition to support the implementation of priority "on-the-ground" watershed projects that will lead to water quality improvements (up to \$150,000 per project). Eligible activities include: hiring qualified staff, implementing physical measures or best management practices that will reduce or eliminate NPS pollution in receiving water bodies, implementing the Tribe's approved NPS management program, implementing "on-the-ground" watershed, conducting NPS education programs, training, and travel.

A draft work plan and budget for base projects and a proposal for watershed competitive projects are due February 18, 2005. Mail to: Tiffany Eastman, U. S EPA, Region 9, Tribal Office, Water Division (WTR-10), 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. For more information about this program, please contact your CWA Section 106 Project Officer or Tiffany Eastman, CWA Section 319 Coordinator for Tribes at eastman.tiffany@epa.gov or call 1-800-735-2922 and ask for ext. 3404 or call direct (415) 972-3404.

U.S. EPA and Mexico Border 2012 program

Region 9 requests applications for projects in the California/Baja California and Arizona/Sonora regional workgroup regions that address the objectives of the 2012 Program. This program is a bi-national collaborative effort whose mission is to protect the environment and public health in the U.S. and Mexico border region (100 kilometers either side of the border) consistent with the principles of sustainable development. \$610K is expected to be available; 18 awards are anticipated. Responses are due January 14, 2005. All initial proposals must be submitted in both English and Spanish to facilitate bi-national review. For more information, contact Dave Fege at fege.dave@epa.gov or go to:

<http://www.fedgrants.gov/Applicants/EPA/OGD/GAD/EPA-GRANTS-102804-002/Grant.html> (English) or to <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/border2012-04-spanish.html>

U.S. EPA grant funding for tribal response programs

Section 128(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended, authorizes a noncompetitive \$50 million grant program to establish and enhance state and tribal response programs. Generally, these response programs address the assessment, cleanup and redevelopment of brownfields sites and other sites with actual or perceived contamination. Section 128(a) grants are awarded and administered by EPA regional offices. FY 2005 grant guidance is available at http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/state_tribal.htm#grant. Requests for funding will be accepted from December 1, 2004 through January 31, 2005. Interested tribes may also wish to contact Betsy Curnow, Region 9 State & Tribal Response Program Manager at (415) 972-3093

U.S. EPA solid waste and emergency response innovation pilots

EPA requests applications for solid waste and emergency response innovation pilots. Areas of interest include testing innovative approaches to waste minimization, energy recovery, recycling, restoring contaminated sites, and homeland security related to chemical emergency, preparedness, and response that may be replicated across various sectors, industries, communities, and regions. \$500K is expected to be available and 20 awards are anticipated. Responses are due January 24, 2005. For more information go to: <http://www.epa.gov/oswer/iwg/announcement.htm>.

U.S. EPA people, prosperity and the planet (P3) award

EPA requests applications for the P3 Award, a national student-design competition for sustainability focusing on people, prosperity, and the planet. P3 provides grants to teams of college students to research, develop, and design solutions to sustainability challenges. Areas of interest include energy, agriculture, ecosystems, materials and chemicals, information technology, water, and the built environment. \$500K is expected to be available and 50 awards are anticipated. Responses are due by January 27, 2005. For more information, contact Julie Zimmerman, (202) 343-9689.

U.S. EPA brownfields training

EPA requests proposals for brownfields job training grants. The purpose of this program is to prepare trainees for future employment in the environmental field and facilitate cleanup of brownfield sites contaminated with hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants and petroleum. \$200K is expected to be available and ten awards are anticipated. Responses are due January 14, 2005. For more information, go to: http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/pg/jt_grants_guidelines_2005.pdf.

U.S. EPA radon

EPA requests applications for radon communication, education, outreach, and risk reduction projects. EPA's goal is to reduce the public health risk from indoor radon gas by promoting public awareness of the health risks from exposure to indoor radon. It will encourage the public to test homes for elevated levels of indoor radon, mitigate elevated levels of indoor radon, build new homes with radon-resistant features, and test and fix schools with elevated radon levels. \$200K is expected to be available, and the grant range is \$30K to \$70K. Responses are due January 17, 2005. For more information, contact Shelley Blake at radon.rfa@epa.gov or go to: <http://www.fedgrants.gov/Applicants/EPA/OGD/GAD/OAR-ORIA-IED-04-16/Grant.html>

U.S. EPA Enforcement and Compliance National Priority: Tribal

The Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA) has established six national priorities for federal fiscal years 2005 through 2007. The primary goal of the tribal strategy is to significantly improve human health and the environment in Indian country and other tribal areas through EPA working with tribes on compliance assistance, compliance monitoring and enforcement activities. Through building tribal capacity and direct implementation, EPA will initially focus national attention on three areas: drinking water, schools and waste management. Electronic proposals are due to Jim Grove, at JGrove@epa.gov and David Piantanida, OECA, DPiantanida@epa.gov by February 4, 2005. Final proposals are to be e-mailed to David Piantanida, Program Director, for web posting. This link can be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/planning/state/grants/stag/index.html>

For more information, please contact Jim Grove, Regional Enforcement Coordinator at (415) 947-4263, or go to <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/planning/state/grants/stag/index.html> and at <http://www.fedgrants.gov>.

USDA rural development

USDA's Rural Community Development Initiative supports intermediary organizations that provide financial and technical assistance to recipients to develop their capacity and ability to undertake projects related to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development. \$6 million is expected to be available and responses are due January 25, 2005. For more information, contact William Kenney at william.kenney@usda.gov or go to: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/rcdi/index.htm>.

U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) sustainable renewable energy development projects

DOE requests applications from federally recognized tribes, Alaska native villages and Alaskan native corporations for sustainable renewable energy development projects or for feasibility studies for the development of economically sustainable renewable energy installations. DOE will only consider applications from tribes on whose tribal lands the project will be located. Eligible technologies include, but are not limited to: Photovoltaics, wind, biomass, hydroelectric, geothermal, or renewable hybrid systems. \$3 million is expected to be available, seven awards are anticipated. Responses are due February 4, 2005. For more information, contact triballandsgo94003@go.doe.gov or go to <https://e-center.doe.gov/iips/faopor.nsf/UNID/EE6EEAAA3703A63D85256F2500537351?OpenDocument>

DOE clean fuels technology

DOE requests clean fuels technology proposals from historically Black colleges and universities and other minority institutions. Areas of interest include but are not limited to: fuel cells, advanced environmental control technologies for coal, and clean fuels technology. \$950K is expected to be available and seven awards are anticipated. Responses are due January 10, 2005. For more information, contact Michael DeStefano at Michael.DeStefano@netl.doe.gov or go to: <https://e-center.doe.gov/iips/faopor.nsf/UNID/1471DB687FC9E52685256F4300568FD7?OpenDocument> Refer to Sol# DE-PS26-05NT42317.

DOE efficiency and renewable on tribal lands

DOE requests applications from federally-recognized tribes, Alaska native villages and Alaskan native corporations for strategic planning, energy options analysis or resource planning, energy organization development, and human capacity building related to sustainable energy efficiency implementation or

renewable energy development. DOE will only consider applications from tribes on whose tribal lands the project will be located. \$1 million expected to be available, 15 awards are anticipated. Responses are due January 20, 2005. For more information, contact Firststepsgo94004@go.doe.gov or : <https://e-center.doe.gov/iips/faopor.nsf/UNID/60174568DEC0107B85256F2500569EC1?OpenDocument>.

California Bay-Delta Authority science grants

This program is seeking to invest in projects that develop new knowledge about how water use and management activities interact with and affect key aquatic species and environmental processes across spatial and temporal scales. The geographic areas of interest are the San Francisco Bay Estuary and the Bay-Delta System. To access detailed information about this opportunity, please visit: <http://solicitation.calwater.ca.gov> or call the Cal Water Helpline at (877) 408-9310.

Information about other CALFED program proposal solicitations

To automatically receive more information about other CALFED Program Proposal Solicitations go to <http://calwater.ca.gov/ListServe/listsab-1.asp?Choice=1>. Contact Dan Ray of the California Bay-Delta Authority, Ecosystem Restoration Program at (916) 445-5243 if you need more information.

California Endowment Program

California Endowment Program gives grants to organizations and institutions that directly benefit the health and well-being of Californians, and those that work to provide and expand access to affordable, quality health care for California's under served individuals and communities. The endowment offers two open application grant programs designed to fund ideas and approaches to health improvements generated at the community level.

CommunitiesFirst accepts applications year-round and is rooted in the understanding that communities are central to health improvements; and that inclusion, partnership and community ownership are critical to addressing issues successfully.

The Local Opportunities Fund provides grants of up to \$50,000 to organizations that are addressing important health issues on a local level. Applications are reviewed following deadlines in January, May and September. For more information concerning grant opportunities at the California endowment please go to <http://www.calendow.org/opportunities/index.stm> or call (800) 449-4149.

Miscellaneous items

Community health air pollution information system (CHAPIS)

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) has developed an internet-based mapping tool that allows a look at a map to view sources of air pollution. This system makes information regarding air pollution emissions available in ways that are more understandable and more visual. The air pollutant emission information contained in CHAPIS is for general information. Please consult your local air district for the most recent data available for specific facilities. The CARB should be contacted regarding mobile source emissions. For more information, visit: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/ch/chapis1/chapis1.htm>

Job Opening

San Manuel Band of Mission Indians has a job opening for an environmental protection manager. While reporting to the Executive Director of Governmental Operations, the environmental protection manager directs, supervises and coordinates the monitoring and protecting of the land, air and water resources for the Tribe in light of its economic, cultural and political objectives. He/she oversees the administration of EPA grant funds and tribal funds in the implementation of these objectives. Position oversees cultural resource management as well. For more information, contact Jerry Paresa at (909) 864-8933 ext. 2141 or email jparesa@sanmanuel-nsn.gov

Web sites for tribal programs and other EPA programs

EPA Region 9

http://www.epa.gov/region09/cross_pr/indian/newslet.html

American Indian Environmental Office (EPA)

<http://www.epa.gov/indian>

Region 9 grant program

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/border2012-04.html>

Grant opportunities

<http://calwater.ca.gov/GrantOpportunities/GrantInformation.shtml>

Tribal compliance assistance

<http://cfpub1.epa.gov/clearinghouse/index.cfm?TopicID=C:10:450:CA:TRIBAL>

Enforcement-related

<http://cfpub1.epa.gov/clearinghouse/index.cfm?TopicID=C:10:450:EN:TRIBAL>

Office of Compliance (EPA)

<http://www.epa.gov/compliance>

National Compliance Assistance Clearinghouse

<http://www.epa.gov/clearinghouse>

Federal Money for Native Americans

http://www.educationmoney.com/native_americans.html

Pollution Prevention and Environmental Management

<http://www.michigan.gov/deq/>

Tribal Court Clearinghouse

<http://www.tribal-institute.org>

National Tribal Environmental Council

<http://www.ntec.org/>

Federal Indian Law Handbook

<http://www.thorpe.ou.edu/cohen.html>

National Tribal Justice Resource Center
<http://www.tribalresourcecenter.org/>

National Congress of American Indians
<http://www.ncai.org>

Center for Disease Control
<http://www.cdc.gov>

Inter Tribal Council of Arizona
<http://www.itcaonline.com/>

National Water Program Strategic Plan 2004-2008 and National Program Guidance for 2005
<http://www.epa.gov/water/waterplan/index.html>

National American Indian Housing Council
<http://naihc.net>

Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance
<http://12.46.245.173/cfda/cfda.html>

Department of Energy Web site
http://www.eere.energy.gov/regions/western/financial_opps.html.

The following listserv will be used for distributing information on grants and/or funding opportunities, regulatory changes, and for gathering information that may be needed specifically for solid waste issues. If you have any questions or would like more information on this listserv, please contact Robin Powell (775) 574-0101, ext. 12.

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